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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

CSTE-DTC-RI-S

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, DTC Test Centers
HQ DTC Directors and Office Chiefs

SUBJECT: Reminder of Mandatory Seat Belt Use

1. References:


- a. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents.
- b. ATEC Regulation 385-1, ATEC Safety Program.

2. This is a reminder that the use of seat belts by all Government personnel, military and civilian, is a mandatory requirement. Specifically, AR 385-55 requires seat belt use for Soldiers either driving or riding in their privately-owned vehicle (POV) on or off post, and for civilians either driving or riding on the installation and off post when their POV is used for official business. Many states also have mandatory seat belt usage laws.

3. ATEC Regulation 385-1 requires that the test centers follow their host installation's Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Program and, as such, participate in locally held campaigns to increase seat belt usage. Therefore, coordinate with your host installation's Safety Office and law enforcement officers to plan and/or participate in a related event during the National Seat Belt Awareness promotional campaign, 22 May to 4 Jun 06, sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

4. As I become more aware of Army-wide traffic accidents, I am surprised that failure to wear seat belts is a contributing factor in many accidents involving fatal or very serious injuries. This largely preventable loss and suffering cannot be allowed to continue. We all need to do more to ensure that seat belts are used by everyone 100 percent of the time.

5. The DTC point of contact is Mr. Nicholas J. Cavallaro, CSTE-DTC-RI-S, ris@dtc.army.mil, DSN 298-1084.


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